(iii) Yes; the records of the society were not handed over to the new committee.

(iv) Yes.

(v) In the court of the Registrar of Co operative Societies and in the Trichur Sub-Magistrate's Court.

(vi) The suit in the Registrar's Court was dropped as per Government orders and that in the Magistrate's Court was dismissed.

(b) As the records of the Society are in the Magistrate's Court, it is not possible to furnish the information.

(c) (i) The new committee was representing to the Registrar that the old committee was unauthorisedly issuing loans, etc., to members to canvass votes and that these loans were unrealisable.

(ii) They did not come before the Government.

(d) No.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—With reference to answer (c) (i) has the Registrar taken any action on the matter?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—As the records were not avaiable I could not enquire into it.

Administration Report of the Co-operative Department for the year 1110—Rectification and reconstruction of Societies.

46. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the nature of the attempts made to bring down the amounts marked as overdue in the Proceedings of the Government on the Administration Report of the Co-operative Department for the year 1110;

what is the extent of overdue loans as found at the end of Medam 1111;

(2) what is the nature of the productive purposes for which Rs. 3·36 lakhs has been lent in 1110 by the State Co-operative Institutions; what is the nature of the large sums lent out in the same year for un-productive purposes; has any attempt been made to bring down the volume of these loans; if so, what are the steps taken in 1111 and what is the result;

(3) (i) how many Co-operative Institutions in the State are now under liquidation;

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(ii) which of them belong to the 33 mentioned in the aforesaid Proceedings and which of them came into a stage of liquidation later?

(4) what is the nature of the attempts stated to have been made (in the Report of the Administration of the Co-operative Department for 1110) to "reassess the securities" of the several Co-operative Institutions in the State; has this work been completed; if so, what is the result;

(5) what were the definite steps taken in furtherence of the policy of "rectification and reconstruction" that is said to have guided the Co-operative Department in 1110; has any success been achieved by the adoption of the policy and if so, what is the tangible result; how do the figures of the Co-operative Institutions as they exist on 26th Edavam 1111 stand when classified according to the principles laid down in Appendix II of the Administration Report of the Department for the year 1110?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—(1) In many societies the rate of interest and penalty has been considerably reduced. Resolutions were passed in some to waive the whole of penalty if the principal and interest were paid by the defaulters within a specified period thus inducing the members to clear their overdues to the society.

Committees are persuaded, pressed and even compelled to take steps to recover the dues to the society. Defunct committees are replaced by more active men at general meetings convened by the Department. The central Bank is persuaded to reduce their lending rate and to show as much leniency as possible towards defaulting societies. Of course, the present financial depression stands in the way of all attempts in this line.

The figures for 1111 cannot be supplied now as they are taken and consolidated only at the end of the year.

(2) As to the nature of the productive and unproductive purposes for which loans are granted in Co-operative Societies, reference may be made to pages 45, 46, 47 and 48 of the printed copy of the Administration Report wherein loans have been classified according to purpose. Of the loans shown under unproductive purposes it may be said that the nature of the purpose is not wholly unproductive. Almost all these were granted for clearing prior debts of members and for paying Kuri instalments. These items are partially productive. During the

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present economic depression it is sure that any attempt to bring down the volume of the loans under this item will not have the desired effect.

(3) (i) 44.

ii. *Names of societies under liquidation at the end of the year 1110.*

1.	Trichur Town Stores	No. 57
2.	Trippunittura Society	No. 17
3.	Cherpu ,,	No. 13
4.	Choorakkattukara ,,	No. 97
5.	Wadakkancheri Society	No. 63
6.	Do Conveyance ,,	168
7.	Mattancheri ,,	99
8.	Kuttampilli Weavers' ,,	91
9.	Minaloor ,,	41
10.	Sree Kiratha Vilas Ayurvedic Society	194
11.	Thekkumkara Society	82
12.	Meloor ,,	40
13.	Chellanam ,,	144
14.	Vadavukode ,,	30
15.	Elankunnapuzha Vala ,,	54
16.	Cochin-Kanayannur Land Mortgage Bank	No. 236
17.	Arimpoor Vettuva Society	230
18.	Thonnurkkara ,,	21
19.	Thiruvankulam ,,	45
20.	Kumbalanghy Ezhuva ,,	108
21.	Aripalam ,,	76
22.	Perimpilavu ,,	182
23.	Kanjani Stores	276
24.	Panambukad Society	125
25.	Vaitila Little Flower Industrial Society	No. 164
26.	Andikkadavu Society	46
27.	Tholur ,,	73
28.	Trippunittura Sanskrit College Home Ltd.	No. 129
29.	Nalleppilli Society	111

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30.	Chowannur	,,	107
31.	Azhikkal Vala	,,	35
32.	Padiyoor	,,	67
33.	Methala	,,	47

Names of Societies liquidated during this year.

1.	Chellanam Sarvathrika Sahodariam Co-operative Society No.	145
2.	Nellai Co-operative Society	39
3.	Ollur	42
4.	Nemmara Spinners' and Weavers' Co-operative Union Ltd.	211
5.	Mayannur Co-operative Society	103
6.	Mannuthy ,,	308
7.	Ayloor Parthasarathy Stores Ltd.	289
8.	Trikkur Co-operative Society	66
9.	Mulloorkara ,,	252
10.	Palluruthy C. Y. M. A.	148
11.	Vaittila Co-operative ,,	143

(4) The Registrar has issued a Circular to all Co-operative Societies advising to appoint a committee from among themselves to reassess the securities of the loans due from members. The work has not been completed as yet. Only very few societies have attempted to act according to this advice.

(5) It has been said that the policy of rectification and reconstruction rather than that of expansion is the guiding motto of the Department. With a view to rectify bad societies the Registrar and the Inspectors are constantly visiting them, studying their conditions in detail and giving them instructions to improve matters. General body meetings are convened for giving proper advice and for reconstituting managing committees. The old rule for supersession of committee in case the general body fails to elect proper persons for management has now been restored. It is hoped that though tangible results have not been achieved, the Registrar could in many cases arrest their further downfall. As per the existing rules and Regulation the powers of the Registrar are very limited and he could not therefore enforce obedience in many cases. Steps are being taken to revise the Co-operative Societies Regulation. The enquiry by Mr. Devadhar was also a definite step

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towards reconstruction. As stated in answer to (1) above, the figures for the year 1111 cannot be given now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know Sir, when the Government expects to introduce the necessary legislation to revise the Co-operative Societies Regulation?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—A draft is already prepared but we were not able to introduce it this year; it will be done during the next Legislative Session.

Appointments in Sirkar English Schools—Preference to Sirkar Malayalam School Teachers.

47. **Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.**— Will the Government be pleased to state whether preference cannot be given to Sirkar Malayalam School teachers in the matter of appointments in Sirkar English Schools?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—Malayalam School teachers are preferred for appointments in English Schools except in temporary vacancies when such preference will mean unnecessary dislocation of work.

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Have no such appointments been made during the last three years?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.— As the Hon'ble Member is aware there are different jurisdictions-for example, two Divisional Inspectors, one Inspectress of Schools and the Director. When short time vacancies arise in the jurisdiction of the Director it will be very difficult to get the nominees from all the other three divisions. So direct recruitment is made for that short period. A periodical meeting of the inspecting officers is held at which the proper persons from Malayalam schools are promoted and the others sent out.

Admissions in the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam.

48. **Mr. T. C. Iyyukkutty.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the principle adopted by the Government in giving admissions to students in the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—The rules are appended. *(Vide Appendix I.)*

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